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FBI Seizes Pro-Israel U.S. Terrorist; Threatened Presbyterian Churches

ADL's Hate Language Evidently Inspired Anti-Christian Threats

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An American supporter of Israel was recently taken into custody by the FBI, accused of having threatened to launch a campaign of terrorist attacks on Presbyterian Church congregations, accusing the church of "anti-Israel and anti-Jewish attitudes."

Jeffrey Winters, 25, of Queens, N.Y. — a longtime stronghold of the violent terrorist Jewish Defense League (JDL) — is accused of being the anti-Presbyterian bigot who sent a letter to the national office of the Presbyterian Church USA last November threatening to set Presbyterian churches afire during religious services. His threats were an attempt to force the church to formally reverse its stand in criticism of Israeli policies toward Christian and Muslim Palestinian Arabs and to backtrack on its decision to cease church investments in companies that do business with Israel.

Although the letter said, "I promise violence against Presbyterian churches — They will go up in flames, bet your [expletive] that's a terrorist threat," the authorities are only charging the supporter of Israel with the interstate communication of a threat to injure another person. Winters faces five years in jail and a $250,000 fine if convicted.

Only a handful of American newspapers carried the first reports about the threat against the Christian church. In their reports, they were careful never to mention the fact that the letter writer actually described his statements to be a "terrorist threat."

American Free Press reported the story Nov. 29, 2004.

The American media relishes any opportunity to hype up the fear of terrorism and is constantly reporting how Jewish religious institutions are increasing their security for fear of terrorism, but the story of the terrorist threat against the Presbyterians was consigned to the back pages, if published at all.

Likewise, the news about the FBI's arrest of Winters, accusing him of being the supporter of Israel who sent the threatening letter, has received little attention in the American media, noted only in a handful of Jewish community newspapers such as ***The Washington Jewish Week*** and ***The Jewish Week*** of New York.

The arrest was not even deemed newsworthy by Associated Press, which supplies news to dailies across the country, ***The New York Times*** or ***The Washington Post***, which compete for the title of "newspaper of record." The suppression of this story by the mainstream media is remarkable considering that there are 11,200 Presbyterian congregations in the United States and 2.4 million parishioners.

According to the Presbyterian Church national office, they received a stream of such letters, although it is not known if Winters is accused of having been responsible for all of them.

It is likely that Winters — if he is not simply one player in a much bigger conspiracy — was inflamed to write the threatening letter (assuming he is guilty) by provocative and hateful public attacks on the Presbyterian Church by the Mossad-directed Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, an illegal, unregistered agent of a foreign government, that were not only loudly touted in Jewish newspapers all over the United States and around the world, but also in "news" articles in mainstream publications from coast to coast.

Although the ADL officially distances itself from the rhetoric and violence of groups such as the JDL, the late Jewish-American writer Robert I. Friedman documented that a number of wealthy Americans prominent in the Jewish community provided funding and direction for the JDL and other violent Jewish "action" groups.

In addition, Friedman determined that the JDL also took orders directly from high-level officials inside Israel's intelligence service, Mossad.

Illustration: Photographof ADL Director Abe Foxman.
Caption: **"INSTIGATED TERRORIST THREATS:** Immediately after Abe Foxman, (above) the outspoken and oftquoted chief of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, issued several vicious public attacks on the Presbyterian Church USA, a like-minded resident of Queens, New York, one Jeffrey Winters, apparently began sending threat letters to the church, if the FBI's accusations against Winters are to be believed. The FBI has charged Winters with this crime. Whether other higher-ups are involved has not been determined."

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